

**MURRAY PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD**

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Board Members in Attendance

Ted Eyre, Chair
Lisa Nelson, Vice Chair
Wayne Bott
Morgan Selph
Darren Stam

Staff

Doug Hill

The Parks & Recreation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:38pm by Vice Chair, Lisa Nelson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Wayne Bott made a motion to approve the July 9, 2008 board minutes with a correction in wording in the fourth paragraph under **Recreation Program Update** regarding Park Center revenue; Morgan Selph seconded. Motion was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizens present.

REVIEW MURRAY CITY PAVILION BIDS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION

Board members were given a handout showing three different options to remodel Pavilions 1, 2, 3, and 4 in Murray Park and the actual bid costs from four construction companies. The three bid alternates were (1) Remodel Pavilion #2; (2) Remodel 1, 3, and 4; or (3) Remodel 1, 2, 3, and 4. Doug stated that the money available for this project is \$230,000. Doug said it was known that this dollar amount would not be enough to do all four pavilions, but the engineer's estimate was that they felt it would be sufficient to do the large pavilion (Pavilion #2) or perhaps two or three of the smaller pavilions. The bids, however, came in significantly higher than the engineer's estimate and the funds budgeted for the project.

Doug said he felt that now there were five options to consider:

1. Postpone the project indefinitely and not spend the money.
2. Reject the bids based upon not having sufficient funds and rebid the project at a future date.
3. Scrap the project and come up with a less expensive design.

4. Move ahead with the project and start with doing one of the smaller pavilions.
5. Request additional funding.

This topic will go to the Council for discussion next week on Tuesday at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers.

The board members expressed their various feelings toward the proposed design versus going with a more traditional, less expensive remodel of the pavilions. Morgan Selph mentioned that Entelen could probably review the design for some cost savings. They also talked about possibly not having funds available in the near future to remodel the remaining pavilions should only one pavilion be done this year. Morgan Selph mentioned that possibly Pavilion #2 could be remodeled this year, that it could be the park's "special" pavilion, and the other pavilions could possibly be remodeled with this design in the future. Doug stated that he and park staff had this same feeling.

Darren Stam made a motion to see if low bidder, Entelen Design, could do some value engineering to save dollars on the design, request more funding to proceed with Pavilion #2, and then request additional monies in future budget years to remodel the other three pavilions. Morgan Selph seconded. Motion was unanimous.

REVIEW CEMETERY FEES AND CONSIDER FEE INCREASE

Doug provided the board members with a comparison sheet which Lane Page, Cemetery Superintendent, prepared showing fees from various municipalities in the valley. Doug said that Lane Page had talked with him regarding his concern of the cemetery filling up so quickly. Lane told Doug that he has seen a steady increase in grave sales; 290 graves were sold last year. There are only about 500 graves left for sale in the Murray Cemetery.

In reviewing the spreadsheet provided, some of the cities were comparable to Murray and some were a little higher. Some of the cities charged considerably more for nonresidents. Doug reported that Lane felt charging a nonresident fee would slow the grave sales. Doug said that he felt, at the present time, that implementing a nonresident fee would not make a significant difference in revenue to the city and there is probably only about two years left of grave sales under any circumstance. Had Murray charged a nonresident fee several years back, it may have made a difference. Doug said he did feel that the city should start charging a marker fee and title transfer fee. Doug explained that the marker fee is a fee charged to the monument company when they deliver the headstone to be placed. A Murray City staff person is required to meet the monument company to show them the grave location to be sure it is placed correctly. The title transfer fee is transferring the title from one owner to another when graves have been purchased and then given or sold to another individual. The city does have administrative costs in transferring a title.

Questions were asked about the possibility of purchasing additional land for cemetery use. Doug gave a brief background of cemetery land and said that currently there are no plans to purchase additional ground for this use.

Morgan Selph made a motion to leave the lot fees as they are, begin charging a marker and title fee, and watch the labor-based fees over time to be sure fees remain within market rate to help cover outgoing costs. Darren Stam seconded. Motion was unanimous.

CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO PAINT A MURAL ON BRIDGE ABUTMENT AT THE JORDAN RIVER PARKWAY AND 5400 SOUTH

Doug stated that the Murray School District received a federal grant to paint a mural on a site which receives a lot of graffiti. The group who received this grant are those working with the special population in the Murray School District. The group has contacted the artist who did the mural located by the Murray High School gymnasium.

The school district contacted the city regarding a site for this mural, and the one staff liked the best is on the Jordan River Parkway going under the overpass at 5400 South. A permit would be required from UDOT to do this work. The school district has agreed to meet with the city to present a conceptual design before work begins. Lisa Nelson asked about the mural being defaced. Doug said that he has read that graffiti artists will not damage another person's artwork. He said that the city has had some experience with this on a wall which has since been torn down at 4800 South and 200 West. A patriotic mural was painted on this wall, and it did stop the graffiti. Also, there has not been any graffiti on the Costco mural at 5300 South State.

Morgan Selph made a motion to accept the idea of a mural under 5400 South and the Jordan River Parkway, encouraging them to come to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with a conceptual drawing before beginning the mural. Ted Eyre seconded. Motion was unanimous.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Doug said that last month Morgan Selph brought to the board's attention a problem that has existed for quite sometime on the Jordan River Parkway trail at Walden and Germania pavilions. Doug reported that the trail will be rerouted this Fall, utilizing Murray City street crews to do the work.

QUESTIONS

Darren Stam wanted to update everyone on the World Series Tournament. Darren reported that there will be ten teams coming, and the committee is asking for ten sponsors. The cost to sponsor a team is \$3,000. The sponsor would receive a banner to hang on the dugout when that particular team plays, 25 family passes, passes to the opening ceremonies and championship banquet, advertisement space, and a half page ad in the program guide underneath the picture of the team sponsored. The sponsor cannot pick the team to sponsor; teams will be drawn out of a hat. Anyone interested may contact Darren Stam or Kim Sorensen.

ADJOURNMENT

Ted Eyre made a motion to adjourn. Morgan Selph seconded. Motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

The next regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting will be Wednesday, October 8, 2008, at 5:30pm in the Parks and Recreation conference room located at 296 East Murray Park Lane.